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MEMORANDUM TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On November 24, 1975, I directed Assistant Attorneys General J. Stanley Pottinger and Richard L. Thornburgh to review the files relating to Martin Luther King at once in the light of recent testimony, and make a recommendation as to whether the assassination case should be reopened.

Mr. Pottinger's office is undertaking the initial review of all material in the Department of Justice in order to comply with my directive.

I have asked that this review be conducted thoroughly but with dispatch. Both Messrs. Pottinger and Thornburgh understand, I believe, that this investigation is of the highest Departmental priority. I am sure that you will cooperate with them to facilitate their access to Bureau files both here and in the field, as they may request them, and to make available personnel of the Bureau for interviews and such other assistance as may be necessary.

I am also requesting that you assign one person responsible for assisting in this investigation.

(1) - J. Stanley Pottinger

(1) - Richard L. Thornburgh

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